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Those who were up early yesterday

morning were filled with rapture over

the rare beauty of the

WHO WOULD'N'T

rained and pools of wa-

LIVE IN

ter, like silver lakes,

ARIZONA? Indeed the landscape

The grass tips were

sparkling with diamonds. The trees

were all a-flutter with the abandon of

Bohemian joy. Myriads of birds

weighted the rustled umbrellas,

warbling in ecstatic notes; then, too

happy to be still, flew to friendly per-

chers, where they chirped their early

matins; then, bolder grown, burst into

a hallooing chorus of soulful praise.

The distant mountains were scow-

ling blackly from behind a misty veil,

their ragged rim growing richer in

stylized purples and quiet grays as the

sun rose and emphasized their grotes-

que outlines. The sky canyons

were dark and forbidding, appearing

at last for constant beams and hide-

ous monsters. Occasionally grim smiles

wreathed their hoary mouths as the

sun shot in momentary triumph from

the grasp of temporary eclipse.

And then the God of our fathers put

forth His sign and belied the heavens

with His pledge, and in the rainbow's

seven colors could be read the sweet,

touching words, "Peace on earth, good

will toward men."

Mr. McKinley's plurality in the pop-

ular vote will probably reach 750,000.

It would seem at first

thought that the repub-

lican ticket might have

lost a loss of one

hundred thousand

votes. But a closer

analysis shows that

the republicans

lost only about one

percent of the total

number of votes cast

in the presidential

election.

Yet the result depended upon that ap-

parently insignificant fraction of the

immense total. If 75,000 citizens who

voted for President McKinley in cer-

tain states of the union had voted in-

stead for Bryan, McKinley would have

been defeated and Bryan elected.

The table below montains twelve

states with the electoral votes belong-

ing to them and their several pluralities

for McKinley and Roosevelt, as un-

officially ascertained. Changes in the

figures by later returns will not

greatly affect the general proportion.

Electoral Republican
Vote. Plurality.

Delaware.....3.....5,000

Indiana.....15.....27,400

Kansas.....10.....25,000

Maryland.....8.....14,200

Nebraska.....8.....5,000

North Dakota.....3.....5,000

Oregon.....4.....14,000

South Dakota.....4.....10,000

Utah.....4.....4,000

Washington.....4.....15,000

West Virginia.....4.....15,000

Wyoming.....3.....3,000

71.....135,700

Thus leaving a margin of 14,000 for

possible increase in the aggregate rep-

ublican plurality in these states, it is

evident that the change of 75,000 votes

would have reversed the result in all

twelve of them. That is to say, if 75,000

citizens who voted for McKinley had

voted for Bryan, 71 electoral votes now

in the McKinley column would have

gone into the Bryan column, thus:

McKinley's electoral vote as it is.....222

Electoral vote of these 12 states.....71

McKinley's electoral vote as it

would have been.....221

Necessary to a choice.....224

On the other hand:

Bryan's electoral vote as it is.....151

Electoral vote of these 12 states.....71

Bryan's electoral vote as it would

have been.....225

Necessary to a choice.....224

The change of 75,000 votes, therefore,

properly distributed in the twelve

states in the list, would have given 75

Bryan two more than the necessary

majority of electoral votes; his electoral

majority over McKinley would have

been 5.

On the other hand, a change of

less than 75,000 in the eight states in the

subjoined table would have deprived

Bryan of 71 electoral votes which he

did acquire on November 6, and would

have pulled down his total from 155 to

84.

Electoral Democratic
Vote. Plurality.

Idaho.....3.....1,000

Kentucky.....13.....7,800

Louisiana.....8.....30,000

Missouri.....17.....35,000

Montana.....3.....10,000

Nevada.....3.....1,500

Tennessee.....12.....25,000

Virginia.....12.....30,000

71.....140,500

Calculations like the foregoing are

not devoid of practical importance. The

fact that the result of Tuesday night

have been turned into defeat and in-

calculable disaster by a change of less

than 75,000 votes in certain states in no

way diminishes the glory of the vic-

tory, or affects the significance thereof;

but it does illustrate the complexity of

our constitutional system of electing a

chief magistrate, the absolute neces-

sity of vigilance and effort at every

stage all along the line, and the splen-

d services of the republican executive

committee in the recent campaign.

The water storage committee has

not in almost daily session since its ap-

pointment in September. Isn't it about

time for a report? The simple fact of

the matter is that the committee might

meet daily from now till December and

involve absolutely nothing that is new.

Here is the whole proposition in a nut-

shell: The valley must have a perma-

nent and perpetual water supply.

Nature has created and partially com-

pleted a reservoir having a capacity of

800,000 acre-feet of water—sufficient to

irrigate all the lands in the valley for

two years though not a drop of rain

fell in that time. On the water-shed

contiguous to this vast basin the an-

nuual rain and snow fall is enough,

seven years in ten, to fill this reservoir

at least once in two years. Now all

that is left for man to do is to fill up

the gap of two or three hundred feet

that nature has left. This will cost a

million dollars, more or less. Would

this expenditure be a good business

proposition? Let us see. During the past

year our farmers have raised two

small crops of grain when they should

have raised six large ones. Suppose

we have 100,000 acres of alfalfa in the

valley. Each acre, at the very low-

est estimate, would, with plenty of

water, produce six tons. This would

make a total of 600,000 tons, which, at

\$8 per ton, would mean the vast sum

of \$4,800,000. This year we have produced

less than two-fifths of that amount, and

the loss, attributable to nothing else

than the drought, would more than have

completed the dam. Does this showing

appeal to your business sagacity and

acumen?

Now let the winter visitors come.

We are ready to welcome them with the

staid hand and open

WELCOME hearts. The storm king

VISITORS, has triumphed and has

slain the hideous giant

who rules the land of drought. Nature

has baptized the earth and given her to

drink, and she is fairly dimpling with

gladness.

Come to Arizona, ye cowering vic-

tims of cold and steel and ice. Break

your fetters and come to the land of

warmth and glorious sunshine. Come

where health reigns, where hope is

ever vernal and ever new, where ambi-

tion and energy sleepeth not, where the

sky is a perpetual joy and the sun is

wise. Why crawl when you can soar?

Who would creep when he can leap?

Do you worship your pale cheeks and

hollow eyes? Then stay in the land of

snow. Would you exchange your hee-

dle flush for the gray hue of perfect

health? Then come to the land of sun-

shine and flowers.

In speaking of the recent change in

the management of the Republican, the

Los Angeles Herald says: "The large-

est newspaper deal ever made in Ariz-

ona culminated today when Charles C.

Randolph sold the Arizona Republican

to Col. S. M. McCowan and Dr. George

W. Vickers, representing the Arizona

Republican company. The incorpora-

tion papers of the new company were

filed today. The capitalization is

\$50,000 and the directors are Col. Mc-

Cowan, Dr. Vickers and H. J. Lee.

Col. McCowan will assume the editorial

management. C. C. Randolph, who

bought the R. Republican four years ago

has made it into one of the best paying

newspaper properties in the southwest.

He will return to Washington, D. C.,

his former home. Dr. Vickers is the

territorial auditor and Col. McCowan is

superintendent of the Phoenix Indian

school."

A Kansas editor has discovered how

to tell a man's politics when you

meet him in a hotel washroom: "The

republican will wash and empty the

basin. The democrat will wash and

leave the water standing. The popu-

larist will wash in the water left by the

democrat." This does not seem to ac-

cord with the widespread belief that the

rural pop simply entered and combed

his whiskers and didn't wash at all.

The chance is that enough rain and

snow has fallen in the last twenty-four

hours to half fill the immense reservoir

that we are going to build. Sabot?

Yesterday's rain was much im-

portant to thousands of dollars to the

Salt River valley. Until now we

have been sorry to see strange

faces in our midst. We didn't

want them to ride over our rusty,

dusty country roads, between parched,

barren fields and withered orchards. Ev-

ery mother's son of them would have

been a living and everlasting witness

against us. But now let them come.